



Afghanistan ...



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End of the Civil War

In 1996 The Taliban came to power in Afghanistan after a civil war left the country in unrest for nearly 20 years

They control the country with a strict islamic law that severely restricts many things such as women's rights

The Taliban allowed a growing terror group named Al Qaeda to operate within the country under lead of Osama Bin Laden

“Declaration of War”

After Al Qaeda attacked the World Trade Centers on September 11th 2001, the US demanded that the Taliban hand over the Al Qaeda leaders, they refused

The US launched an invasion on Afghanistan in 2001 to drive the Taliban from power

In 2003 the US also invades Iraq claiming they have ties to the Taliban

Taliban Insurgency

As we shifted and resources to Iraq the taliban regrouped in the mountainous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

As a result the US mission in Afghanistan shifted to counterinsurgency. The goal was to win the heart and minds of the indigenous people by providing protection such as training for the military and police also constructing buildings and infrastructure.

The Taliban has gained back some ground from Karzais struggling government

Shift from Iraq to Afghanistan

President Obama is sworn into office in 2009 and declares the American withdrawal from Iraq

To halt the increasing Taliban movement, Obama announces that he will send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan totaling in 100,000 American troops alone in the Iraq/Afghanistan tour.

End of the Conflict

Through 2011-2012 the violence in Afghanistan has been partially decreased, Obama announces that the combat role in Afghanistan will come to a stop and troops will leave in 2014

NATO ended combat operations in Afghanistan, and they turned over their military bases to the Afghan military, 10,000 U.S. troops stay in order of conduct raids against terrorist groups